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In re the Application of:

**John J. Donahue**

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**Interview Summary**

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Sir:

This Interview Summary provides the substance of telephone communications between Applicant's undersigned representative and Examiner James Reagan on April 10, 2006.

Applicant originally contacted Examiner James Trammel on March 27, 2006, to point out that the election of species requirement was improper, as the original examiner in this case took every dependent claim in the application and stated that it was a distinct species. Examiner Trammel verbally agreed to vacate the election of species requirement. When the undersigned followed up on April 6, Examiner Trammel's voicemail indicated that he would be out for a week and that Examiner Reagan should be contacted.

On April 10, the undersigned spoke with Examiner Reagan, who also agreed to vacate the election of species requirement and indicated that the application would be reassigned in view of Examiner Greene's departure from the U.S. PTO. Consequently, the election of species requirement as to all groups has been withdrawn as improper, and only the restriction requirement remains.



Dated this 3rd day of May, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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